1	2	3	4	5	6
3	Haryana	—	295	—	Nil
4	Karnataka	—	—	—	20,706
5	Madhya Pradesh	78	837	1,798	1,576
6	Maharashtra	218	—	232	92
7	Orissa	4,602	4,545	7,377	11,076
8	Rajasthan	82	402	172	399
9	Tamilnadu	2,060	2,194	453	458
10	Uttar Pradesh	317	3,767	3,476	1,186

'World Tourism Meet' organised in Bombay

2761. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 'World Tourism Meet' was organised in Bombay to chalk out a strategy for promotion of tourism;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to cooperate in the matter of promotion of tourism by instructing visa officers in Indian Missions abroad to issue tourist visas, including multi-entry visas, with the least delay ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All India organised a World Tourism Meet at Bombay on 30th and 31st October.

The following corporate strategies were chalked out for promotion of Tourism to India :

1. Lower promotional airfares supported by low tourist packages during the off season such as "affordable India", Himalayan and Adventure Tourism, Congress and Conventions, incentives etc.

2. Inclusion of Tourism courses as part of staff training, enhancement of agents education tours to India, promotion of tourism through Departmental stores in foreign markets.

3. Increased participation in Trade Fairs and Travel Marts and also inviting Indian tour operators and hotel chains to participate in the promotion of Indian food festivals.

Necessary instructions to facilitate even flow of tourist traffic to the country have been issued to Missions abroad that tourist visas may be made good for multiple entries instead of the existing three entries to facilitate visit of tourists to neighbouring countries. Visas to genuine tourists is freely granted by Missions without prior reference to the Government of India.

Licences for manufacture and export of processed pulses

2762. SHRI BIR BAHADUR PRATAP SINGH :

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some applications for grant of licences for the manufacture and export of processed pulses and its flour from Gujarat are awaiting clearance of his Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these are hundred percent export oriented units and are likely to earn foreign exchange for the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the applications have been cleared and licences granted in the recent past; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in granting licences to the remaining applicants and by when these are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) to (d) Two applications involving the processing and export of pulses to earn foreign exchange were approved under the Scheme of 100%